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Date Complaint Received: 6/16/14

Complaint Received By: Chad Reckling, SW II

Provider Name and Location: Sally Larue 1617 Scott Street Davenport IA 52803

Complaint: The department received information that the provider has an above ground pool in their outdoor play area without appropriate fencing or safety cover for it.

Rule basis:

110.5(1) Health and safety. Conditions in the home shall be safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.

110.5(1)r If not fenced, both in and aboveground pools must have a cover that meets or exceeds ASTM standards when not in use.

110.5(1)r Fence for aboveground pool is four feet above sidewalls of pool. Height of pool walls not included in measurement.

Findings:

6/18/14 This worker made contact with Sally at her daycare home on this date and confronted her with the allegations the department had received. There were six daycare children present in the home during this worker's visit. Sally stated that she had a safety cover for the pool but was not sure if it would fit it or not. Sally proceeded to go down in the basement and retrieve the cover. Sally and this worker attempted to fit the cover over her pool but it was too small. Her safety cover that she has now is meant for a 12 foot diameter pool and this worker observed a 15 foot in diameter pool in her outdoor play area that had a tarp tied over it.



This worker indicated that she needed to purchase a safety cover for her pool and have it on her pool whenever it is not in use.

Complaint: This worker received a preponderance of evidence to validate the concerns before the department based on this worker's observation of the pool in the provider's outdoor play area.

Resolution:

This worker had Sally sign a voluntary Corrective Action/Safety Plan that effective immediately:

"I agree to (remove/not use my pool or yard surrounding the pool) for child care until I have either and ASTM F 1346-91 approved cover or a fencing system that is at least 4 foot above the top of the pool."

The department will conduct random follow up visits to the home in order to insure that the safety plan is being followed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact me at (319) 208-5521 or creckli@dhs.state.ia.us.

Sincerely,

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